

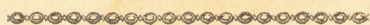


Chetodon constrictus

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CHÆTODON CONSTRICTUS.

THE CONSTRICTED CHÆTODON.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Caput: *Dentes* setacei, flexiles, confertissimi, numerosissimi.

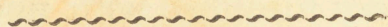
Membr. branch. radiis sex.

Corpus pictum. *Pinna* dorfi anique carnosâ squamosâ.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 460.

 CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

Chætodon corpore medio constricto.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Teeth (in most species) setaceous, flexile, very numerous.

Branchiostegous membrane with six rays.

Body commonly marked with bands.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Chætodon with the body constricted in the middle.

THE numerous genus Chætodon contains some species which, on account of their very near alliance in point of general appearance, are not easily discriminated from each other. The present species, however, differs so conspicuously from all others yet discovered, as to cause no difficulty in distinguishing it, even on the most transient view; the body contracting in diameter in a most singular manner in the middle. It is therefore from this circumstance that the specific character is taken.

It may, perhaps, be proper to add, that the Linnæan characters of the genus Chætodon by no means apply with sufficient exactness to all the known species; some of which, instead of slender and almost setaceous teeth, are on the contrary furnished with uncommonly strong and broad ones.